

## NEWS OF THE LODGES.

## WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON THE PAST WEEK.

An interesting batch of Masonic Notes and Personals—News From Golden Cross, Rechabite, and Mechanics' Lodges.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

**Subordinate Lodges.**—Masonic Temple—Benjamin B. French No. 15, Monday, 6th; Pentapla No. 23, Monday, 6th; National No. 12, Tuesday, 7th; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 9th; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 10th; Hope No. 20, Friday, 10th.

A. A. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 9th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 5, Monday, 6th; George C. Whiting No. 22, Thursday, 9th.

Masonic Hall, Untown—Anacostia No. 21, Monday, 6th.

**Royal Arch Chapters.**—Masonic Temple—La Fayette No. 5, Tuesday, 7th; Washington No. 2, Thursday, 9th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 10th.

**Commanderies Knights Templar.**—Masonic Temple—Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 8th. **Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.**—Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Tuesday, 7th.

Owing to March having five Mondays and Tuesdays, the following bodies will not hold stated meetings this week: Lodges—Dawson No. 16, Stansbury No. 24, Arminius No. 23, Federal No. 1, and Acacia No. 18. Chapters—Mount Vernon No. 3 and Potomac No. 8. De Molay Commandery and Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix.

Brother William A. Yates, 18<sup>th</sup>, is still confined to his house.

Bro. John Mills Browne, 33<sup>rd</sup>, has been reported as not well.

Albert Pike Consistory worked the 32d degree Saturday evening.

Eureka Chapter No. 4 will confer the R. A. degree Friday evening.

Washington Commandery No. 1 will install officers Wednesday evening.

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Bro. A. J. Marsh, 32<sup>nd</sup>, is slowly improving, but is still confined to his room.

Bro. John A. Foss, 32<sup>nd</sup>, is reported as decidedly better and able to sit up.

Tuesday evening, April 7, Mithras Lodge will work the 4th and 5th degrees.

Bro. Leroy M. Taylor, 32<sup>nd</sup>, is still in Florida, where he will probably remain until May.

Pentapla Lodge No. 23 will confer the 3d degree Monday evening at the chapter chamber.

Harmony Lodge No. 17 will work the 3d degree Thursday evening. The grand officers will be present.

Last Monday St. John's Lodge held a special meeting for the 1st and 2d degrees. Next Friday evening the 3d will be worked.

Oasis Lodge No. 26 conferred the 2d degree at a special meeting at 6 o'clock last Wednesday and the 1st at the regular meeting immediately thereafter.

La Fayette Chapter No. 5 will confer the R. A. degree April 7. This chapter will meet every Tuesday throughout the summer for the conferring of degrees.

Sunday, March 29, Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix assembled at 3 P. M. and performed the mystic rites incidental to the relighting of the lights, the chapter having remained in darkness since the extinguishment of the lights on Maundy Thursday. The services lasted about two hours, the music, of an elaborate character, being particularly adapted to Easter Day. Every officer was in his place and the service was beautifully rendered. It is no wonder that the Scottish Rite bodies flourish when the fact is taken into consideration that the cathedral was full to overflowing at a service where none below the 15th degree could be present.

Columbia Commandery No. 2 conferred the Red Cross Friday evening. The commandery has appointed to represent them in the project for the erection of a new Masonic temple Sirs M. M. Parker, Robert Ball, A. J. Terry, F. H. Thomas, and A. A. Thomas. The Drill Corps will meet Wednesday evening in the library of Masonic Temple. Members are requested to appear in the full uniform of the corps. The latter was recently very highly complimented on their exhibition drill at the last convocation. The Savings Association is booming, shares being taken rapidly of late. Nearly a hundred ladies and knights have signified their intention of going to Denver at this early date.

On invitation of Past Eminent Sir Charles W. Hancock, the oldest Past Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 2, a majority of the fifteen Past Commanders now living assembled at his house, 1431 Corcoran street, on Monday evening last, and formed the Past Commanders' Association of Columbia Commandery No. 2, electing officers as follows: Charles W. Hancock, President; John R. Thompson, Vice President; Abner T. Longley, Secretary; Myron M. Parker, Matthew Trimble, Robert Ball, E. A. Chamberlain, James F. Allen, and George Gibson, Executive Committee. The association will meet at the residences of members at such time as may hereafter be determined, and on June 13 of each year, the date upon which a dispensation was granted to form the commandery, a banquet will be held.

Washington Commandery No. 1 at its recent election elevated to the important office of Eminent Commander one of the best known and most popular Masons of the District of Columbia, and a Templar who is probably more widely known throughout the United States than any other Sir Knight of this jurisdiction. Sir Harrison Dingman's Masonic career has been one full of honors, deservedly obtained by the most zealous service to the fraternity in every branch of the Masonic system. He was initiated into Masonry in New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, of this city, and almost immediately thereafter was appointed Senior Deacon, which was the first step on the road to the honors which awaited him at the hands of his brethren. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master, and entering the official line of the Grand Lodge, was promoted to the highest office of the craft, the Grand Mastership of the District of Columbia, previous to which he had served his chapter, Columbia No. 1, as the Most Excellent High Priest, and at the present time is one of the council officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, having the chair of the Right Excellent Grand Scribe. During the recent triennial convocation the duties of his office as Corresponding Secretary of the triennial committee were so exacting that he



Catching Cold in the Head.



Only Catarrh.

deemed it necessary to resign the office of Captain General, which he at that time held in Washington Commandery No. 1. This action, however, did not interfere with the evident desire of the commandery to elect him as Eminent Commander, for at the last convocation, as previously announced in THE HERALD, he was called upon to fill that important position. In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he has the rank of the 32d degree and fills the office of Orator in Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix. He is also a prominent Shriner, being a member of Almas Temple, of this city. During the past week Sir Knight Dingman has been kept busy receiving the congratulations of his Masonic friends in this city and dictating replies to the congratulatory messages he has received from individual fraters and Templar organizations all over the country. THE HERALD's Masonic correspondent is under many obligations for the courtesies which on many occasions have been extended to him by the genial Sir Knight, and is highly gratified in being able to publicly express his appreciation of his many kindnesses, and at the same time to voice the general congratulatory sentiments of the jurisdiction.

THE HERALD has repeatedly described as far as prudence would permit the magnificent ceremonies incident to the conferring of the august degree of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, but the rendition of last Monday evening was, to use an enthusiastic candidate's expression, "so superbly grand and so intensely original, with its wealth of imagery and Oriental pageantry," that it is almost impossible to adequately depict the impression of enthusiasm which the degree created in the minds of the assembled devotees of the "Shining Shrine." It is morning in the desert and in the caravan of Suleiman, the shiek; the first preparation for another day's travel over the sandy wastes are just breaking into activity. The scene is one of confusion. Tall Nubians, black as Egypt's darkest night, hurry about, in answer to the querulous commands of their masters; fair slave-girls, with laughing, saucy eyes, scarcely concealed by the misty, coquettish veil of Mohammedan custom, move gracefully about preparing the morning toilet and ablutions of the beautiful Sultana, the favorite of that noted chief, Suleiman; the tall camels and no less active dromedaries arise from their kneeling posture of the night and patiently submit to the tightening of the straps which hold the hounds of their owners; nearby and none the more picturesque was corralled a herd of donkeys, on the backs of which were packed the silks and precious fabrics which Suleiman bore as offerings to the now famous and much-feared enemy of his tribe, he of the Mystery, whom none know or have ever seen, for lo, even this proud and haughty shiek, surnamed the Lion and the Brave, was on an errand of fear, and even he was ready to kneel before the unknown and sue for peace. The day grew apace, the caravan was in motion. Before them, half veiled in the fleeting mist, was the sun, softly illumining the spread of interminable desert, alone, silently waves of drifting sand which laid farther to the south, but the region where the herbage is scant and dwarfed, where the acacia languishes, and even the spots of camel grass grow rank and scarcely wholesome, and so to the music of sweet Assyrian lute, the timbrel, and the reed, moves on into the realm of drifting sands the caravan of Suleiman, surnamed the Lion and the Brave. Farewell! Give no thought to the morrow; live only for to-day. Many suns have risen, many suns have set, and daily has the mighty caravan been lost from its numbers, till on that fatal night of Zekier memory, Suleiman, wretched and alone, silently waves by the side of his faithful Arabian charger, the last but himself to die. The moon was at its full. The lark and swallow, tired of the wing, sought resting place upon the scanty herbage of the near oasis. Forth from beneath its green and clustering foliage a desert fox or hyena crawled cautiously to view the subjects of a rare intrusion. Overhead a night vulture sailed on broad wings in narrowing circles waiting for its prey, and Suleiman wept aloud, for the signs were the tokens of death. But what mysterious radiance is that which suddenly illumines the darkness of the oasis? What pale, refulgent brilliancy which waves and gathers into indistinct and shadowy forms of fantastic and unearthly shape? What majestic, radiant figure is this that now materializes into shape human, but so divinely beautiful? Arise, Suleiman, bow thyself to the earth, kneel before him, for thou alone hast found, and thou alone of all thy kindred shall look upon the dazzling beauty of thy enemy, and then the figure spoke, "Thinkest thou, oh Suleiman, conqueror of my race, to appease my mighty vengeance with gifts of cloths, jewels, oils, and precious stuffs? Call back to thy memory the days of thy youth—the way of thy cruelty, thy dungeons, thy deaths by the sack and by the cord. Answer not, but think, for behold thy caravan is scattered, thy wealth is gone, and thou as well as I, each the last of his people, now face to face, must each fulfill his destiny; look thou upon my features." And Suleiman looked upon his face and dazzled, overpowered by his awful beauty, sued and prayed for peace and made the sign of mercy which the Seer had bade

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Consumption.



Death.

him give, and the Figure bent and kissed him and called him brother, and the fox and the hyena and the vulture fought and quarreled over the carcass of the horse, for Suleiman and the Figure had passed beyond the Veil, and Suleiman knelt before the Shrine and arose radiant and beautiful, and the signs and tokens of death were naught, for he did not fear them. At the conclusion of the degree work the assembled Nobles marched to the banquet hall, where Noble James H. Trimble had prepared one of his most dainty and tempting repasts, the hall having been tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and symbolic designs appertaining to the order. The post-prandial was as usual productive of many bright and witty speeches, and everybody was glad that he was there and sorry when the time came for adjournment. The class of candidates was one of the largest on record, numbering between thirty and forty.

## Golden Cross Notes.

Capital Commandery meets Friday evening, at Washington Hall.

Meridian Commandery meets Friday evening at Golden Cross Hall and will confer degrees on six candidates.

Mount Vernon Commandery meets Wednesday evening at Good Templars' Hall and will confer degrees on several candidates.

At the last meeting of Anacostia Commandery Noble Commander Stephen Simonds presided, and addresses were made by Past Noble Commander Walson, Sir Knights Pitcher, Douy, and Putnam, and Ladies Walson, Wright, Otterback, and others.

At St. John's Commandery meeting Thursday Grand Commander Ehle stated that the new hall over the National Capital Bank will be ready for occupancy on the 1st of May. Noble Commander Kilgore, of Capital Commandery, made an address. Remarks were also made by Grand Commander Ehle, Past Noble Commanders S. H. Decker, W. E. Graham, Jos. Burroughs, B. W. Beebe, and others.

At the last regular meeting of Meridian Commandery the degrees were conferred on G. W. Collison, J. H. Skinner, Miss Elizabeth Bogan, and Miss Amy C. Wallis. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Sir Knight W. T. Kent, the representative to the Grand Commandery was instructed to use every honorable effort to secure the election of Grand Commander John N. Ehle, as representative to the Supreme Commandery.

Haleyon Commandery celebrated its tenth anniversary on Friday evening at Golden Cross Hall, No. 1, Commander G. E. Toepper presiding. Past Noble Commander George H. Cline, one of the charter members, gave an interesting history of the commandery, and was followed by Past Noble Commanders George J. P. Wood, R. D. Meston, Thomas Humphrey, Noble Commander G. E. Toepper, and Sir Knights James Trainor, James S. Sharp, James W. Loveless, and others. Sir Knight Loveless also sang two solos, "One Song That Lingers" and "He Never Told a Lie." Sir Knights Toepper and Loveless sang the duet, "Larboard Watch." The attendance was large. The 1st degree was conferred on Lycurgus Layton.

The quarterly literary and musical entertainment of Goodwill Commandery on Monday evening last was an enjoyable occasion. Past Noble Commander Dr. S. I. Groot presided. Master Paul Hall recited two humorous selections, entitled "The Goddess of Liberty" and "Nebuchadnezzar." Sir Knight Bela W. Beebe, of St. John's Commandery, sang "Anchored" and "The Skippers of St. Ives," accompanied by Miss Minnie Bailey on the organ. Miss Nellie A. Brown recited in a touching manner "Searching Among the Stars," and responded to an encore with "Michael Schneider's Party." Grand Commander J. N. Ehle and Past Grand Commander A. G. Heylman delivered addresses on the objects and benefits of the United Order of the Golden Cross. The entertainment was concluded with an exhibition of the phonograph, furnished by the Columbia Phonograph Company, and operated by Misses Carrie and Gertrude Smith, reproducing several selections by the Marine Band, an auctioneer, and a solo by Sir Knight E. J. Whipple.

## Independent Order Mechanics.

The session of Lafayette Lodge No. 13 Thursday night was short. Officers of the Grand Lodge are requested to meet in the ante-room of this lodge next Thursday night, at 7:30 sharp. Bro. C. F. Whitlock, of Baltimore, was a visitor.

On Thursday evening Friendship Lodge No. 7 met at their new quarters, Harris's Hall, corner of Seventh and D streets. The 3d degree was conferred on Edward Scribner in an admirable manner. Past Master E. F.

Meyer fulfilled his part especially well. The new by-laws and constitution were distributed. Bro. H. M. Bennett was reported better. Bro. Statford is still quite sick. Bro. Baltz was reported sick.

Friendship Lodge No. 7 held an interesting meeting Thursday night in their new quarters, northwest corner Seventh and D streets. Worshipful Master Gayle in the chair. The 3d degree was impressively conferred. Grand Architect R. B. Wilson and Past Supreme Ruler J. M. Richards addressed the lodge.

Anchor Lodge No. 9 had a large gathering of its members Monday night. Bro. Potbury was reported better. Past Master Rawlings, of Mechanics' Lodge, Baltimore, was reported much worse. Mr. J. P. Gibson was elected to membership. Mr. Reed was initiated in the Apprentice degree. The committee having in charge the matter of the trip to Baltimore Friday, April 3, made its final report. Interesting remarks were made by Grand Architect R. B. Wilson, Past Grand Architect G. G. Wilson, Past Master J. H. Keenan, and others. Degree work will be rendered next Monday night. Members are most cordially invited. Past Grand Architect Butler, of Charlottesville, was present.

## Independent Order of Rechabites.

[A. M. Dewey, H. C. R.]

The monogram silk lapel button is the latest insignia for the Juniors.

Friendship Tent No. 73 announces five candidates for initiation for the next meeting.

Western Tent No. 165 will locate in Georgetown under a new name during this month.

Past Chief Ruler Charles M. Sizer has been appointed installing officer for Eagle Tent No. 2.

Grand Levite A. J. Easton has been confined to his home with the grip, but is now convalescing.

The Eagle Juniors have several candidates for to-morrow night, when the new officers will officiate.

Capt. William McCathran, of the Eagle drill team, drills the Friendship Juniors every Saturday evening.

Past High Representative George J. Murray, of Eagle Tent No. 2, has recovered from his recent illness.

Redemption Tent No. 144 has determined upon a new departure under its recent large accessions to membership.

Peerless Tent No. 26, (Woman's Branch,) Georgetown, is about ready for reorganization with a carefully-selected membership.

Golden Rule Tent No. 33, (Woman's Branch,) Alexandria, Va., has about twenty candidates for initiation next Wednesday evening.

Purity Tent No. 4, (Woman's Branch,) Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, had a lively meeting last Monday night. Two candidates were initiated.

Eagle Tent No. 2, always interested in the extension of the order, promises a new tent in the southeastern section of the city in the near future.

High Secretary-Treasurer L. H. Patterson has during the past week sent supplies for tents to West Virginia, New York, and North Carolina.

High Chief Ruler A. M. Dewey was honored with a joint reception by the Primary, Woman's, and Junior Tents in Rechabite Hall, Hagerstown, Md., last night. This evening he will deliver his popular lecture, "Past, Present, and Future of the Temperance Reform Movement," in one of the largest churches in Hagerstown.

The Friendship Juniors have elected officers for the ensuing quarter as follows: George Frost, Chief Ruler; G. W. Birch, Deputy Ruler; George Pitts, Recording Secretary; Charles Bennett, Financial Secretary; Harry Knight, Levite; Thad Lippard, Inside Guard; Joseph Mehan, Outside Guard; Walter Dewey, Past Chief Ruler of the Primary Members; A. M. Dewey, Shepherd; A. J. Eaton, Counselor; E. S. Woodford, Treasurer.

## Independent Order of Rechabites.

(F. E. DeYoe, H. C. R.)

Past District Secretary Edmund Burke has been laid up with la grippe.

Anacostia Tent No. 138 will give a ball on the 15th instant in Masonic Hall, Anacostia.

Naomi Tent No. 3 will change their place of meeting to Masonic Hall on the 25th instant.

As a result of his recent Western trip High Secretary Mahoney reports that additions to the number of at least six tents to the order will follow.

George C. Thompson Tent No. 3 initiated Mr. Nolan Thursday evening. Remarks were made by Messrs. E. A. Atchison, Grand Sec.

T. L. Salkeld, W. W. Cordell, C. B. Atchison, P. B. Jones, W. H. La Strange, W. H. Medford, and Job Harris.

The committee from all tents on public temperance meetings will meet in Good Templars' Hall this afternoon, at 3 P. M., to lay out plans of procedure.

The public temperance meeting last Sunday afternoon was largely attended. There were delegations present from nearly all of the fifteen tents. High Secretary John R. Mahoney, Grand Chief Ruler James C. Lee, and Sister E. A. Chambers were the speakers.

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